

**AQAA
DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
02 October 1996**

FAR/DFARS Cases discussed:

96-018	Use of Brand Name Item Descriptions: Provide for the use of brand name or equal purchase descriptions.	Agreed on proposed rule.
96-304	Preaward Debriefings: Implement section 4104 of FY96 Defense Authorization Act. Revise FAR to provide guidance for debrief-ing to any interested offerors on the reasons for that offeror's exclusion from the competitive range in a competitive negotiation.	Agreed to draft final rule, as edited. Most of MPPP concerns were satisfactorily addressed.
95-024	IR&D/B&P in Cooperative Arrangements: Clarify that IR&D costs may include contractor contributions under cooperative agreements or similar arrangements. Eliminate prohibition on IR&D costs under NASA cooperative arrangements as a contractor contribution and as allowable indirect costs.	Agreed to convert interim to final rule without change.
96-D312	Petroleum Products from Caribbean Basin Countries Removes an inconsistency on DoD's treatment under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act of offers of petroleum products from Caribbean Basin countries.	Agreed to convert interim to final rule.
96-D304	Comprehensive Subcontracting Plans Implement section 811 of FY96 Defense Authorization Act, which revises subsection (a) of section 834 of P.L. 101-189. DFARS language on comprehensive subcontracting plans.	Agreed to convert interim to final rule, with minor edits.

NOTE 1: Far Case 95-029, Part 15 - Rewrite, Phase I, public meeting is rescheduled for 08 Nov 96 in the NASA Auditorium. Public comment period has been extended to 11/19/96.

NOTE 2: FAR Case 95-008, Competitive Range, public comment period has been extended to 11/19/96.